

# Free legal help

from the

**Legal Aid Society**  
Of Middle Tennessee And The Cumberland

## Gallatin office

Call 1-888-475-4150

### Who does Legal Aid's Gallatin office help?

We mostly help people who have **low income** or are **60 or older**. But there are some things we may be able to help with no matter how much money you have or how old you are.

We help with counseling about Medicare and health insurance.

We also provide free information on many legal problems. We can mail you a free brochure, or you can visit our website at **www.las.org**.



**Legal Aid helps people for FREE. You do not have to pay.**

We help people who live in Sumner, Wilson, Macon, Smith and Trousdale Counties. Do you live somewhere else? The back of this brochure says which office to call.

We work with the Bar Association Pro Bono Programs in Sumner, Wilson, Smith and Macon and Trousdale Counties. They help us find volunteer lawyers to take some cases. This lets us help more people.

### What kind of cases do we take?

We only take civil cases. We cannot help with criminal cases. The rest of this brochure tells you more about the cases we take.



## We may be able to help with these legal problems:

### Health Care and Insurance problems

- Getting health care and medicine
- Getting TennCare or Medicaid
- Problems with TennCare, Medicaid or Medicare
- Health insurance for people on Medicare
- Nursing home problems
- Getting health care and mental health treatment for children in state custody



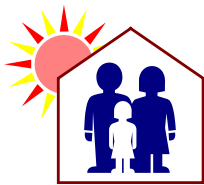
### Money problems

- Problems with Families First
- Problems with Food Stamps
- Being cheated when you buy things or pay for services
- Being cheated when you have work done on your home
- Problems caused by unpaid bills, like garnishment, foreclosure, bill collectors and the need for bankruptcy
- Criminal victim compensation
- Falling behind on house payments
- Unemployment compensation appeals
- Being sued over damages or injuries
- Social Security and Social Security Disability
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- Tax problems, including Earned Income Tax Credit, Innocent Spouse Relief, and other matters



## Family problems

- We can help anyone who is being hurt or threatened by someone:
  - they are dating or used to date
  - they are married to or used to be married to
  - they are living with or were living with
  - they have a child with
  - they are related to or used to be related to by marriage.
- We can help persons who are being stalked or who have been raped or threatened with rape.
- Adoption, if it will increase the family's payments from Social Security or Families First
- Becoming guardian or conservator for someone
- Emancipation of a minor to get public housing



## Housing problems

- Eviction
- Home ownership problems
- Getting repairs made on rented apartments or houses
- Landlord cutting off utilities or locking you out
- Getting into public or Section 8 housing (includes problems with discrimination)
- Getting rent set right in public or Section 8 housing



## How to get help from Legal Aid



**Need a lawyer? To find out if we can help, call 1-888-475-4150.** We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may not have to come to our office in Gallatin. We may be able to help by phone and mail. We may be able to come to the county where you live.

## Other things Legal Aid does



- ◆ Speaks to groups, such as senior citizen centers and parent groups, about legal rights and duties.

- ◆ Prints free pamphlets on legal rights that explain things in clear, simple words.



- ◆ Prints free materials to help people understand special education law.

- ◆ Represents low-income groups or organizations that are starting up or working on problems of low-income people.



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From Sumner County, call **(615) 451-1880** or **1-800-239-1443 (free call)**.

From Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson counties, call **1-800-238-1443 (free call)**.

You can also reach the Gallatin office by calling **1-888-475-4150 (free call)**. Or you can come to our office to ask for help or information:

650 North Water Avenue  
Gallatin, TN 37066

Live in another county? Call **1-800-238-1443** for free to find the Legal Aid office near you. Or visit us on the internet at **www.las.org**

**Don't speak English? Call us.** Legal Aid has translators.



Legal Aid Society receives support from the United Way of Sumner County and the United Way of Wilson County.



Legal Aid is also part of the United Way 211 network.

Legal Aid does not allow anyone to be treated unfairly because of what nation they are from, what sex they are, what age they are, what race they are or because they have a disability.